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HEARTIEST WISHES FOR A
VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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PROCLAMATION !

I hereby declare Tuesday, December 26th a Public Holiday and all places business in Crossfield will remain closed.

WM. WOOD, Mayor
Village of Crossfield.

CHURCH SERVICES

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Crossfield

ANGLICAN SERVICES

Christmas Day, December 25th
Holy Communion.....11.00 a.m.
Rev. F. C. MUSSON, Vicar

UNITED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. A. V. Howey, B.A.
Services in connection with the United Church for Sunday, Dec. 24th are as follows:

Tany Bryn at 11.00 a.m.
Crossfield — Sunday School at 11.00 a.m.

Evening Service at 7.30 p.m. when the choir will render a Christmas Pageant in song and story. The Sunday School in the morning will take the form of a Carol Service to which parents are invited.

A White Gift Service, conducted by the Sunday School was held in the United Church on Sunday evening last when children of the Sunday School, teachers and parents, brought gifts to be later presented to children of less fortunate circumstances. Mrs. Howey senior, and Mrs. J. Hoover took them to Wood's Home for destitute children on Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones Honored on Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, popular young people of the district, were honored at a surprise party on Monday evening when between twenty-five and thirty friends and neighbors dropped in on them on the occasion of their fifteenth wedding anniversary, and very pleasant social time was spent. "50¢" was played with honors going to Mrs. Lee Ableman and Chas. Whitaker, while Mrs. George Jones and Doug Hall carried off the consolation prizes. Doug Hall in a few well chosen words presented the bride and groom of fifteen years ago with a crystal vase inlaid with sterling silver, on behalf of those present. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones replied fittingly.

After a sumptuous lunch, the company dispersed, looking forward to celebrating many other anniversaries with George and Phyllis.

MATRIMONIAL

CUMING — ROSS

Crossfield United Church, which was prettily decorated in pink and white streamers, with white chrysanthemums and sprays of myrtle, was the setting for an early evening wedding on December 18th, when Violet Myrtle, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elmer Ross of Crossfield, became the bride of Thomas Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Cuming, also of Crossfield. J. V. Howey officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of white chiffon, with a sweetest neckline, her long veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of delicate roses. Miss Dorothy Toole, cousin of the bride, was the bride's only attendant, and wore a dress of powder blue chiffon, with matching chapel veil and carried a colonial bouquet of tall-man roses.

Mr. Howard Ross was groomsman and Mr. Emmett and Pte. Leslie Ross were ushers. Mrs. E. Hoover played the wedding music.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for 35 guests. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Toole of Crossfield, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. J. Scott of Calgary. Rev. Howey proposed the toast to the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuming left later for Banff. For travelling the bride wore a two piece dress of aqua green crepe, with brown accessories. On their return they will reside near Crossfield.

Local News

Bill Dulong left Monday to spend the winter in Old Ontario.

Rev. and Mrs. Howey will spend Christmas Day and the holiday visiting friends in the Calgary district.

The local Telephone Exchange have moved into their new premises the former Rosebud Municipal office.

Miss Marjorie Gordon of Crossfield, was among those who graduated from the Calgary Normal School last week.

Wm. McCool of Youngstown, Alta. is visiting the members of the McCool clan in the district.

Rev. F. C. Musson, Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, was in town on Friday last visiting some of his parishioners.

Tuesday, December 26th (Boxing Day) will be observed as a public holiday and all places of business in Crossfield will remain closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ellis will spend Christmas with relatives at Iricana. Foolish questions—"Have you used your liquor permit?"

Mr. and Mrs. F. Purvis left on Tuesday to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with friends in Fort Frances, Ont.

Leading Cook Albert McCrimmon is spending his leave from H.M.C.S. Esquimaux, at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Price of the Telephone office held a Christmas Party at her home for her music pupils on Saturday evening last. Oh yes, and Santa Claus paid them a visit to.

The dance sponsored by the High School pupils on Friday last was a great success. Young people of high school and older from all the surrounding district were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

A card party was held in the Tany-Bryn schoolhouse last Friday evening, honors going to Mrs. Ralph Budge and Mrs. Frank Ruddy; consolations to Rod Brown and Frank Ruddy. The lucky ticket on the turkey was held by Gordon McCrimmon.

There is food for thought in an Honor Roll now on display in Crossfield. This was issued by the Red Cross Mobile Blood Clinic and shows the number of donors at the various towns they have visited. Crossfield and district always like to take pride in the fact that we are always up amongst the leaders, but this time we are lagging far, far behind.

On Monday evening several members of Justice Rebekah Lodge No. 62 journeyed to Calgary to pay a fraternal visit. Sandstone Lodge No. 63 initiated two new members for Justice Lodge of Crossfield.

We have four birthdays to record for the last week in the old year. Mrs. Walter Hurt, Mrs. George Ainsworth and Johnnie English all celebrate on December 25th and Percy Blough on the 31st.

Rebekah Christmas Party

Last Friday evening the Rebekahs held their annual Christmas Party in the Masonic Hall, entertaining their families, the Oddfellows and their families.

The room was prettily decorated in red and green and a Christmas tree, decorated and lighted made an attractive setting to hold our get-together.

Those contributing to the short program were: Helen Hurt, Marge Liley, Gordon Fox, Walter Liley and Walter Hurt.

The committee, Mesdames Laut and Robinson kept the crowd entertained with stunts, games and contests, and a few of the adults enjoyed a game of cards.

At eleven p.m. sixty people sat down to a sumptuous lunch (which the Rebekahs are noted for) and did justice to all the good things. The Oddfellows had kindly furnished treats for the occasion consisting of fruit, candy and nuts.

Immediately after supper Deputy Grand Master Fox acted as Santa Claus and distributed presents to the children, young and old. The girls (who were responsible for this party) exchanged gifts and what fun ensued. Even our better members received enough "make-up" to last till next Christmas.

Everyone voted the evening a grand success and felt that the Rebekahs really know how to entertain.

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Calgary, Alberta

LOST—A White Faced Steer about 18 months old, branded TT with quarter-18
THOS FITZGERALD, Crossfield.

Notice

POST OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS
On Christmas and New Year's Day all mail both coming in and going out will be sorted and dispatched.

Wickets will be open between the hours of 10.00 and 11.00 a.m. ONLY.

Wishing you one and all
A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy & Prosperous
New Year.

Wayne Heywood

Greetings

In appreciation of the patronage of our friends and customers, we extend to all, our good wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

A. W. Gordon

WISHING ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

W. A. Hurt

Crossfield Machine Shop
Crossfield Alberta

Greetings

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Crossfield Cartage

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Crossfield Alberta

Please accept this greeting as an evidence of our appreciation of your patronage and co-operation during the year.

It is our sincere wish that you will have a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

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GREETINGS

To you who have been so friendly to us, who have favored us with much goodwill through the year, we send thanks and greetings

MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
BRING YOU EVERY JOY.

Moon's Groceteria

To our many friends and patrons we Wish Happiness and Joy to you and yours at Christmas, and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.

Ballam's Grocery

Crossfield - Alberta

Season's Greetings

Extending to our Friends and Customers an abundance of good wishes for Christmas and may the New Year be full of prosperity.

Bill's Garage

MILLER HUSTON, Manager

On the Highway Crossfield, Alberta

My sincere Christmas wish is that the gallant men and women now serving their country may soon be united with their families and friends in the joys of a victorious future.

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The Mining Industry

DURING THE WAR YEARS there has been a great reduction in the production of metal articles for civilian use. This is understandable in the light of the obvious importance of metals in the manufacture of arms and military equipment. Canada is now the largest metal exporting country in the world, and as such, has been able to make an outstanding contribution to the war program of the United Nations. Aluminum, copper and nickel are among the many metals that are of the utmost importance in warfare and Canada produces all these. Magnesium, a metal in great demand for the manufacture of aircraft, is also found here, and the development of its production has been one of the outstanding achievements of our war effort. Mercury production is another wartime development of note, Canada having possessed the only large mercury mine in the British Empire. Since 1942 this mine has supplied all our own needs, and provided enough for export to Britain and the United States.

Supply Exceeds Normal Demand

Canada's metal supply is considerably in excess of her normal needs, but some indication of the demands which have been made on this supply during the past few years, is demonstrated in figures given for the export of certain metals for war purposes. These figures show that at the outbreak of war, Canada contracted to send more than 1,000,000,000 pounds of aluminum, copper, zinc, nickel and lead alone to the United Kingdom each year. These amounts were increased when hostilities commenced in the Pacific and the United States entered the conflict. While the great volume of these exports has undoubtedly considerably depleted Canada's mineral wealth, there are indications that there are still vast deposits here which give promise of great development in the future. Many of these deposits lie in the areas known as the North West, and it is likely that there will be numerous opportunities there for the opening of new mines, to replace some of those now exhausted by the demands of war.

Future Growth Is Important

In recent years interest in the development of new mining sites in Canada has been limited. The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy last year presented a report to the Advisory Committee on Reconstruction, showing the dates on which mines now in use, were discovered. This report revealed that 63 per cent. of the mines now in operation were opened before 1910; 11 per cent. between 1910 and 1920; 21 per cent. between 1920 and 1930; and five per cent. since 1930. Modern methods of discovering new mineral deposits have replaced those of early prospectors, and trained geologists, using electrical detecting devices, now locate new mine sites with speed and accuracy. Much of Canada's hope for the future lies in the continued expansion of the mining industry, which before the war gave employment to 107,000 people and contributed indirectly to the support of 1,200,000, or one-tenth of the total population.

Sherman Outclassed

Allied Troops Have Praise For Germany's Royal Tank
Many officers and men of the Second Armored Division in Germany, believe Germany's new "Royal" or "King" Tiger tank with its "super-88" gun is the best tank in battle today.

"Our Shermans are all right in their class, but they are outclassed," is the way the men put it.

At least 23 Royal Tiger have been knocked out on this front, but the men who did it say it is a question of a lucky shot or simply overwhelming them with other tanks or tank destroyers.

The new Royal Tiger weighs between 67 and 72 tons, has a top speed of about 20 miles an hour, and its six inches of armor in front will turn Allied 75 and 76-mm. shells at ordinary distances. Armor on the side is two to three inches and on the back three to four inches thick. It has a new super velocity 88-mm. gun with a shell almost a foot longer than any previously used.

The barrel of the 88 is more than 21 feet long.

Bamboo Cane

It Now Is Grown In England And Scotland

"All around Britain a strange harvest is being gathered in—a harvest of bamboo cane. Before the war, only Cornwall grew this crop, but through the dying off of supplies from China and Japan the strong British cane has become of front-line importance. Its strength is the main reason why bamboo cane is indispensable for the support of heavy fruit crops. There are bamboo groves even in the north of Scotland where some of the finest canes grow. The cane dealers (usually also growers) will travel to any part of the British Isles to buy the whole grove outright, so heavy is the demand for crop supports. Bundles of 100 carefully-graded canes are tied on a special bundling machine, a rack with a strong foot pedal, which ropes them together.

Beethoven, the great musical composer, showed signs of deafness

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q—Must I turn my ration book in when I am leaving to take up six months' residence in the U.S.A.?

A—Yes. Anyone leaving Canada for a period of over 60 days must turn in his ration book to a Branch of the Ration Administration and on his return apply at a Branch and he or she will be given a ration book.

Q—My family prefer commercially packed cranberry sauce to the cranberries I prepare. How many preserves coupons does a jar take?

A—One preserves coupon must be surrendered for every 12 ounce jar of cranberry sauce.

Q—I understand that applications to local ration boards for ration books for babies may be filled in at hospitals. What about evaporated milk ration cards if the babies are on an evaporated milk diet?

A—Yes, at the same time as application for a new-born baby's ration book is signed at a hospital, a request may be made for an evaporated milk card, provided the infant's formula requires evaporated milk. And remember you can't get a ration book for the baby until it has been named.

Q—I have seen a lot in the paper lately about the Standards division of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. I have a garment which I think has not worn well, do I send this to Ottawa?

A—The first thing to do is to return it to the store from which you purchased it. This store may satisfy you with an explanation. If this is not satisfactory, send it with the bill of purchase, the label from the garment, the one bearing the W.P.T.B. number or the manufacturer's mark. If you are not able to send the bill, send the price of the garment, the store from which you make your purchase and the date of the purchase. This information should all be sent to the Standards division in Ottawa.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of the prices of goods, mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

War Brides

An Immigration Movement Of Considerable Importance To Canada

In spite of the number of "war brides" already in this country, about 21,500 of them, with 8,300 children, remain in Britain, and from 400 to 900 British girls are each month being added to the number. This points to an immigration movement of considerable dimensions. All of these newcomers to Canada whenever they arrive, deserve the warmest of welcomes, and that, we feel certain, will be given to them.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

If you suffer MONTHLY FEMALE PAIN

You who suffer such pain with tired, nervous irritative weak feelings—due to functional monthly disturbances—should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. Pinkham's Compound is a natural, safe, and effective remedy. Follow label directions.

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R.C.A.F. Sergeants Major In New Role



A crying baby has no respect for rank or sex as these five Sergeants Major of the R.C.A.F. found when they were pressed into service as nurse maids for youngsters of British War children who recently arrived in Canada. Snapped by an R.C.A.F. photographer, the WO's seem to be enjoying their job. They are, left to right, standing: WO2 J. M. Mills, St. John, N.B.; WO2 J. E. Montgomery, Toronto. Seated: WO2 J. V. MacIvaine, Montreal; WO2 L. G. C. Abbot, Camp Allio, Haney, B.C.; and WO2 R. L. Loveday, London, Ont.

Hard To Decide

What To Do About Channel Islanders Is British Problem

In a curious little backwash of the war lie the Channel Islanders, the only British territory occupied by the Germans in this war.

The Channel Islands, with some 60,000 inhabitants, are a short distance off the coast of France, and they were occupied by Germany more than four years ago. The collapse of France and its occupation by the Germans presented the British Government with a problem—whether the islands could be successfully defended and, if so, were they of sufficient strategic value to justify the necessary expenditure of men, ships and material in the different circumstances of 1940. The decision was to evacuate the troops, but most of the civilians had to be left to face chances with the enemy.

So the Germans have occupied those pleasant islands for more than four years. Now the situation has changed sharply. The German garrisons are cut off and can be neither evacuated, nor reinforced, nor relieved. The islands now are of not the least strategic advantage to Germany. But there the Germans sit—7,000 of them, according to a letter in the London Daily Telegraph—and what to do about them constitutes another problem.

The difficulty is that if the Germans are starved out we may be sure they will be the last to suffer privation—the Islanders themselves will get scant consideration. The islands could be taken by assault, no doubt, but such an operation would be directed at British property and would be bound to cost us British lives. To attack with shell and bomb the island towns is a step Britain would take with extreme reluctance. The Daily Telegraph writer suggests that the 7,000 German troops could be evacuated "with the honors of war" and returned to Germany, thus liberating the islands without a battle. He understands they are second-line troops, foreign conscript and so on, and of no great value in the defence of Germany, and he holds that it would be better to let them go home than to risk the lives of 60,000 British men, women and children. From this distance there seems to be some point to the suggestion.—Ottawa Journal.

Value Of Forests

Necessary For Our Continued Existence In The Future

We all depend upon the forest, wherever we are, for the natural guarantee of our continued existence as producers and consumers of the fruits of the earth. In the long run, we will not conserve our forests we shall lose more than our forest industries, so called. We shall lose our living as farmers and food producers as well. In the long run, if we attend to conservation of our firs and pines and poplars, we shall make a desert where he can't get a living. That has happened before in the history of men and civilization. They cut down their trees, more than they should have done, and they made a desert, and the wind blew the dust of the desert over all the memorials of their time on earth.—Vancouver Province.

It is the volatile oil present in a cedar chest which kills moth larvae.

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May Learn Secret

Tipritz If Salvaged Will Be Studied For Resistance Power

That the Tipritz was still afloat after being torpedoed, once by the Russians and once by ourselves, and bombed at least half a dozen times, suggests that she was no less battleworthy than other sister ships, the Bismarck. The latter, it will be remembered, was an unconditioned time in sinking. Our naval construction experts will be rejoiced that the Tipritz, unlike the Bismarck, has foundered in shallow water. Air reconnaissance reports that she is bottomed up with her keel showing. This gives promise of later salvage, and an opportunity to study by what methods the Germans contrived to give such tremendous resistance power to these two ships.

Wing Cmdr. Tait and his gallant comrades have efficiently proved, however, that no naval Leviathan in existence, or likely to exist, in present days, was a reservation for ms. room 14". The stairs were carpeted, the carpet protected by a rubber-like covering. I knew what I would find before I opened the door. The room was small but neat and clean. Everything was in its place. The lights were arranged to give light where it was likely to be needed. There was a chair beside the bed—a better place for a watch than under a pillow. There was a place to put your bag, a stick to prop the window open. The ash tray contained neither stubs nor ashes. The Gideon Bible was new, a half-morocco cover. Perhaps only a saintly saint here—they had used it little.

Said I to myself: "Here is a hotel run by a man who has slept in a hotel, before he owned one. I wish that could be said of all hotelkeepers."

SMILE AWHILE

"Laura could have married anybody she pleased."

"Then why is she still single?"

"She never pleased anybody."

Woman (to neighbor)—"It's not till you marry a man that you find him on your head."

Mrs. Neighbor—"That's right. It was not till I'd married Harry that I found he was out every night."

"What?" cried the irate husband.

"You paid \$10 for that bunch of flowers and call it a hat? Why, it's a sin—yes, a sin!"

"Dearest," coaxed his wife, "let the sin be on my head."

Amateur Performer—I can pick up a cat with my toes.

Bright Spectator—That's nothing. My dog can do that with his nose.

Constant (to motorist)—Take it easy; don't you see that sign, "Slow Down Here?"

Motricist—Yes, officer, but I thought it was describing the village.

Rustic—Ticket to London for the missus.

Booking Clerk—First or third, sir?

Rustic—Sh! She's the third, but I ain't never told 'er about the others!

"I told her that each hour with her was like a pearl to me."

"And did that impress her?"

"No. She told me to quit stringing her."

Lady (at employment agency)—I want a good cook for my country place.

Manager—Miss Jones, have we anybody here who would like to spend a day or two in the country?

Explaining to his civilian friends his role in the artillery, a dusky soldier said:

"Ah opens de big gun, puts in a big shell, closes de gun, pulls de trigger, steps back and says:

"Mistah Hitlah, recount yo' army!"

"Your daughter has a great many admirers," said Mrs. Bilkins.

"Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Bilkins, "she puts nearly all her window curtains on the rods with her old engagement rings."

Mrs. Blow—How do you ever get a reference saying you were a perfect lady's maid?

Maid—I worked for a perfect lady once.

"How many times shall I bow?" said the novice entertainer at the battalion variety show.

"Bow?" said the stage manager.

"No bowing for you mate; you'll have to tuck."

A yellow flag hanging from a ship's halyard indicates that there is pestilence aboard.

This Was Different

Traveller Appreciated Well-Run Hotel In Ontario Town

It rained that afternoon in Oxford county—a slow, steady, misty rain which made everything wet, yet left little water on farm fields or city streets. I hopped off the bus and crossed the road to the hotel. The man who sleeps often, in these hostilities, can classify them when his fingers touch the latch. If the latch is loose the door rattles, so, too, does the hotel. Then you will see Morpheus to the baffle of endless conversation, the tramping of many feet, the slamming of doors—and awake, at last, from fitful slumber, wishing that the hotelkeeper had never been born or that he had chosen another occupation.

It was different here. The latch did not rattle, the door flowed smoothly to a cushioned stop. The rounds looked restful. The lady at the desk was quiet and efficient. "Yes, there was a reservation for me, room 14". The stairs were carpeted, the carpet protected by a rubber-like covering. I knew what I would find before I opened the door. The room was small but neat and clean. Everything was in its place. The lights were arranged to give light where it was likely to be needed. There was a chair beside the bed—a better place for a watch than under a pillow. There was a place to put your bag, a stick to prop the window open. The ash tray contained neither stubs nor ashes. The Gideon Bible was new, a half-morocco cover. Perhaps only a saintly saint here—they had used it little.

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LUCKY CIVILIANS

The United States 3rd Army released a large quantity of captured food to civilians of Metz. The booty was the winter reserve of the German garrison and included 150 tons of frozen beef; 20 tons of frozen corn, 400 barrels of flour, another batch of 150 tons of flour, big stores of miscellaneous canned goods and quantities of cheese.

WHO SAYS WHAT

The office of war information says it isn't so that the Japanese cannot pronounce the letter "R". Exploding what it called a popular American fallacy, O.W.I. reported that it's the Chinese who can't pronounce "R", while the Japs can't say "L".

HERE'S MY FEED PROBLEM

What should I look for when buying a hog starter supplement to mix with my farm grains?

HERE'S THE ANSWER

Look for "Miracle" Sow and Starter Supplement. The name "Miracle" assures you that every ingredient in the bag has been scientifically tested for food value. Mix "Miracle" Sow and Starter Supplement with your farm grains for the best results.

ASK FOR "MIRACLE" FEEDS

SPECIAL AIR SERVICE

Its Daring Members Have Made Great Contribution To Victory

The highlight of adventure in this war shines upon the S.A.S. Those unfamiliar initials stand for Special Air Service, and the S.A.S. contribution to victory has been in inverse ratio to its numbers but not to its peerless daring, comments a London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal. Two young officers, Lieut. David Stirling, Scots Guard and Commando, and Lieut. Jock Lewis, Welsh Guards and Commando, obtained permission to found the S.A.S., whose badge is a winged dagger and motto, "Who Dares Wins". A training school was established in the North African desert, and trainees had to be parachutists, expert with all small arms and in close combat, daring enough to leap from a vehicle going at 30 m.p.h., and enduring enough to march 100 miles with full pack. A start was made with 37 eager volunteers from the 8th and 11th Commandos, and the school was called "Stirling's Rest Camp". Operations by the S.A.S. began in the desert campaign, when they raided Luftwaffe airfields, shot up enemy strong-points, and generally did much damage behind the German lines. Getting back was more dangerous even than attacking. Because the Germans, furious at their losses, pursued them by fighter planes. One party was attacked for 8½ hours without a single casualty.

The first test operation by the British Special Aid Service was a fiasco, and cost half the gallant men involved. Another failure would have caused the banning of the venture, but there was not another. In Sicily and Italy, in Yugoslavia and Greece, S.A.S. gallants have performed astounding feats of individual single-handed valor and endurance. But it was in France far behind the German lines weeks before D-Day, that the S.A.S. achieved its greatest work. Splendidly assisted by the tough fighters of the Maquis, these S.A.S. knights-errant spread chaos and terror amongst the Germans, impeding their transport, destroying their fuel dumps, killing their despatch riders, and causing widespread confusion and dismay among the enemy in all directions. Some day we may be told the story of these amazing deeds, unrivaled in their splendid gallantry and devotion, and then it will be known how vital a part the winged dagger badge played in paving the way for Patton's historic break-through from Normandy. The record of these tough guys challenges even that of the R.A.F.

WHERE THE FAULT LIES

Four sermons may furnish the excuse for many (who do not go to church), but a poor one is better than none at all. There are many attractions in this modern age that lure folk away from worship. This is one of the problems of the modern church and the cause may prove to be more closely identified with the pew than with the pulpit.

BEST CUSTOMERS

The Argentine Republic's best customers in 1942 were the United Kingdom and the United States, followed by Brazil and "other countries", the Argentine's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed.

Earth To The Moon



This Pratt and Whitney 1200 h.p. Twin Wasp engine travels the equivalent of 1,000 air miles on test, and never moves an inch. Here we see the engine after overhaul and testing at the Canadian Pratt & Whitney Aircraft plant, Longueuil, Que. when it has been proved ready to fly another 900 air hours. Experts calculate that if necessary, a Twin Wasp could fly past the moon before requiring major overhaul. At least, it could fly a straight-line distance exceeding that between the earth and moon.

French Soldier Taking A Prize Near Belfort



A French soldier makes a cautious approach to a German officer, who lies in a ditch wounded after French machine-gun fire wrecked his car (background) near Belfort, France, where the French 1st Army made the sensational breakthrough to the Rhine. There were three dead Germans in the car.

Jap Criticism

Propagandist Says United States Is A Barbaric Nation

The United States, a Japanese propagandist told his countrymen in a broadcast, "is a barbaric nation unparallelled in the world".

The propagandist, Goro Nakano, former New York correspondent of the Tokyo newspaper Asahi said he "stripped the mask of justice and humanity" from "the enemy Americans" to inspire a "feeling of hatred toward the American people."

In the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, he cited as evidence of American barbarism wrestling matches, black-face comedians, plays like "Tobacco Road," and actresses selling kisses for war bonds.

Nakano said he was "amazed at the bloody barbarity" of wrestling in America where "huge and horrible looking monsters" are imported from distant lands and pitted against "good-looking athletic American youths." In the end, the good-looking youth completely defeats the monster who looks like a ghost, carrying out a cruel revenge."

He was shocked, too, by such "truly outrageous names as Man-eater, Man Mountain, Champion of Hades, King Kong, or Gorilla of Siberia."

NOT A MISTAKE

When a contingent of marines arrived home from the Pacific, one of the female greeters in the station at Pittsburgh was surprised when one lad, a total stranger, gave her a hearty kiss. "Haven't you made a mistake?" she spattered. "No, I haven't," he answered. "I haven't seen a woman for three years!"

Sir Charles Wheatstone of England is credited with inventing the harmonica in 1829.

From General "Ike"



When the grateful people of Britain presented Gen. Eisenhower with this beautiful doll, Gen. "Ike" immediately sent the gift to the Natural History building, Washington, D.C. Here Cora Stewart, nine, of McLean, Va., holds the doll.

Just Two Words

Spoken By Two-Year-Old Boy Foiled Gestapo Agents

Dutch Underground leaders disclosed how a two-year-old boy foiled Gestapo agents with two words. The boy was the son of a famed Underground leader with a heavy price on his head. The Underground leader evaded the Gestapo by being constantly on the move, visiting his wife and child only by stealth.

During these visits the father taught his baby son the first two words he ever spoke. They were "Daddy dead."

The Gestapo made one last effort to trap the Underground leader just one week before the Allied liberators came. Thirty-five of them seized his wife and baby. The Gestapo agents, accustomed to daily acts of torture, sadism and barbarity, gathered around the little Dutch boy.

The first agent gave him candy. The second juggled him on his knee. The third and fourth told bedtime stories.

Finally convinced they had gained the child's confidence, the Gestapo stopped playing their grotesque game so their leader could ask a soft-voiced question:

"Do you love your daddy?"

"Daddy dead," was the reply.

Again and again the Gestapo men tried to coax information from their tiny victim. Finally their patience ran out. Their soft whispers rose to angry shouts. Always they received the same reply—"Daddy dead."

At the end of the hour, the Nazis gave up. They stomped out, leaving the boy sitting on the floor, solemnly sucking a piece of German candy.

WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

The French government has assumed full responsibility for alleviation of war distress within France, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is just standing by in case help is needed, Herbert Lehman, U.N.R.R.A. chief, told a press conference at Paris.

Plywood House

Being Exhibited In Britain To Solve The Housing Problem

A new type of plywood house is being exhibited in Britain with the double purpose of solving the post-war housing necessity, and the retention of labor employed in the war effort. The sample house is chiefly made of Canadian birch plywood. It does not have a frame. It covers an area of 600 square feet. It can be prefabricated in eight sections and is designed to erect easily on a pre-cast concrete base. Construction is adapted to plywood aircraft methods.

There is an inner and outer plywood layer glued to an insulating core by a special synthetic resin. Such construction gives strength, rigidity and lightness with the added features of fire and heat resistance and sound insulation. It takes 800 man-hours in the factory to make such a house and 200 man-hours at the site of erection. Deck-houses on motor torpedo boats designed to stand up to years of service in heavy seas, were the inspiration for this design. Present factory capacity is about 100 houses a week. This can be stepped up to about 1,000 houses weekly when synthetic materials, interchangeable with plywood, are obtainable. As it stands, the house consumes less timber than a conventional brick house of similar size. Internal accommodations of the house are suited to the needs of the modern housewife in every detail.

Sinking Of The Atholl

How Rescued Passengers Gave The V-For-Victory Sign To Sub Commander

The Daily Mail told of the sinking of the 20,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Atholl in October, 1942, while en route from the Middle East to Britain with 826 persons aboard, many of them women and children.

Without a sign of panic passengers abandoned the torpedoed ship in 21 lifeboats. The submarine surfaced and its commander gave the Nazi salute to lifeboat occupants near him. "His answer was a burst of laughter from the children and the V-for-victory salute from men and women," said a survivor, Daniel Reynolds of Liverpool.

A United States army plane located the lifeboat fleet and a naval vessel raced to the rescue.

The Daily Mail also said the 20,000-ton liner Victory of India was sunk by a German submarine in the Atlantic in November, 1942, while bringing United States troops to Britain.

The newspaper published two dramatic photographs of the ship in its death throes, one showing it wallowing heavily on its side and the other as it plunged to bottom, its bow high out of water.

Both photographs were taken from a rescue ship. No details of the sinking or the rescue of troops were given.

FOLLOWS CARAVAN ROUTE

Following the age-old caravan route from the Indian border to the interior of China, army convoys are now carrying much-needed supplies from India to the Kashmir-Tibet border for transmission to the Chinese authorities.

At its maximum size, the average sun spot is about as large as the earth.

Rural Electrification

Saskatchewan Is Planning Hydro Development In Northern Part Of Province

Possibilities of rural electrification will be investigated by a committee to be appointed by the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, Hon. J. H. Sturdy announced in the legislature shortly before it adjourned. Other matters for investigation mentioned by the minister were: a horse processing plant, brick manufacturing plant, paint manufacturing in Saskatchewan with a view to a rural house painting program, and study of possible production of ceramics and clay products and manufacture of building materials from the province's products. In all, 76 bills were passed by the legislature in 17 sitting days.

In regard to rural electrification, Natural Resources Minister Phelps announced at Prince Albert that a 13-year-old survey of the projected \$18,000,000 hydro development at Fort a La Corne would be brought up to date by H. G. Acres, Niagara Falls hydro-electric engineer. Mr. Acres carried out the original investigation in 1931, reported at that time that development of a 125,000-horsepower project at the proposed site was "economically and physically feasible."

Mr. Phelps said the investigation would be conducted in line with government policy of industrial development and extension of rural electrification.

A Fast Thinker

Woman Employee Averted Collision Between Train And Plane

A dramatic escape from death right out of an old time serial thriller occurred at Charlotte, N.C., when an Army Flying Fortress crash landed on the Southern Railway tracks as a speeding passenger train rounded the bend.

Fasting thinking by Peggy Parsley, an airlines employee, averted a collision. No one on train or plane was hurt or injured.

Five members of the Fortress crew were trapped in the plane when Miss Parsley heard the whistle of the approaching train. She dashed into a guardhouse at Douglass Airport, grabbed a house broom, lighted it at a stove and ran with the blazing torch through rain and fog. At the tracks a section hand used the broom to signal the train to a halt.

J. C. Milton, engineer on No. 39, said: "When the train stopped there wasn't room from the thickness of my finger between my train and that plane."

GOAT MEAT

Goat meat may not look so good, but to rationed Londoners it may taste mighty fine. London residents will soon be sampling it. A trial shipment is being sent from New Zealand.

In some parts of Scotland, the finding of a four-leaf clover denotes bad instead of good luck.

Fish For The United Nations



From the picturesque shores of the Gaspé Peninsula more than 3,500 fishermen put out to sea. Their annual catch totals more than 35 millions pounds of cod fish to swell the food and medical supplies of the United Nations. Cod is dried for overseas shipment thus saving valuable cargo space, while the livers yield prized, vitamin-rich oil. Canada has agreed to supply a hundred thousand gallons of cod liver oil to UNRRA in the year ending next July. The picture above shows cod filets being cured with salt. It is one of a series of about a hundred photographs chosen to represent all phases of Canadian life to the other Allied Nations. Collections have already been requested by Australia, Latin American countries, France, Great Britain.

History Of The Science Of Horticulture In Canada Is Traced From Earliest Times

IN A REVIEW of Canadian horticulture, M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist, at the recent meeting in Winnipeg of the Western Canadian Society of Horticulture, traced the history of the science in Canada from the time of the Indians, through the era of European settlement and the arrival of the Loyalists, to the present era into which Canada has but recently entered.

The Indians grew corn, pumpkins, and beans under a system of cultivation, and the still familiar Squaw corn has been employed both as a variety and as a parent in plant breeding. As the pumpkin has never been found in a truly wild state, said Mr. Davis, credit could be ascribed to the Indian for its introduction into North American horticulture.

The second era of Canadian horticulture—that of the European settler, commencing with the French—was the real beginning of an attempt to develop a horticulture in Canada. As early as 1633, it has been recorded that apples were being cultivated close to what is now Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, but none of the varieties used at that time is in existence today. From the efforts, however, of the French settlers has come one variety of apple, the Fameuse, apparently originating from seed brought from France.

The next stage of the development of Canadian horticulture came after the American Revolution when Loyalists came to Canada in considerable numbers and brought with them either the materials or knowledge that led to a rapid development of the fruit industry in Eastern Canada.

Coming to more modern times, the advent of the Dominion Experimental Farms in 1886 was one of the prominent features in the development of the science. Fruit breeding was undertaken at the start, but prior to that, the first director of the Farms, Dr. William Saunders, had already originated a line of hardy currants which are today the leading kinds. He also brought several gooseberries, such as Silvia and Josslyn, which have become standard sorts. He also brought Brighton and Count raspberries, which up to recent days have been the standard early sorts.

Thus at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, fruit breeding was early established, both to provide better hardy fruit for the potential fruit areas of Eastern Canada and for the Prairie Provinces. In 1898 Dr. Macoun of the Division of Horticulture embarked on an apple breeding program to originate a line of hardy varieties covering the season from late summer to late winter. Other landmarks in Canadian horticulture were the establishments of forestry stations in 1900 and 1912, and the Experimental Station at Morden, Man., in 1918, followed by what had not been done before, the growing of all kinds of fruit in the Prairie Provinces. Before the advent of World War I, Canada was entirely dependent upon Europe for its vegetable seed supply. Now Canada is an exporter of vegetable seed.

In the field of plant culture and nutrition, progress has been achieved, and Canada has made a noted contribution to the recognition of plant food excesses and deficiencies, and in the field of fruit and vegetable products, along the lines of original Canadian effort, canned fruit juices were developed; kiln dried fruit of uncertain quality was changed to a high-class dehydrated product, and a Canadian processed cherry industry was originated and developed; white vinegar was distilled from Canadian cider vinegar; and, as a result of Canadian research, a virile industry was established in dehydrated vegetables and fruits.

Getting Around It

German Farmers Have Way Of Beating Stern Nazi Decree

Owing to the shortage of fodder in Germany, a stern Nazi decree has just been issued requiring every hen to produce at least 70 eggs per annum. The official order has caused considerable consternation in the barnyards of the Fatherland, for Section 2 unequivocally states that if the egg production falls below the necessary total of 70 the hen-owner will suffer unpleasant consequences. Our own Intelligence Department reports that, rather than take any chances in the matter, roast chickens, fried chicken, and chicken cricasse are becoming increasingly frequent items on the German farmers' menu. —Christian Science Monitor.

In France, around 1483, a person convicted of adultery had eggs placed on the pillow, and the eggs were given to children to throw at him.

Red Cross Parcels

Food From Canadian Farms For Prisoners Of War

By arrangement with the British Red Cross Society, the Canadian Red Cross Society supplies two-thirds of all the food parcels sent to allied prisoners of war, except those from the United States. Clothing and medical supplies to Canadian, British and other Allied prisoners are supplied by the British Red Cross. Much of the food in the parcels originates on Canadian farms.

A total of 190,000 parcels are sent from Canada to prisoners of war every week. This year the cost will be, it is estimated, \$24,700,000, of which the Canadian Red Cross will pay \$5,500,000. The 190,000 parcels go to 80,000 British and Canadian prisoners of war in Europe, 80,000 for British prisoners and civilians in the Far East.

The parcels are not sent individually to prisoners, but are distributed by the International Committee in Geneva, Switzerland. The food in the parcels is intended to supplement the meager prisoners' diet. Each parcel weighs 11 pounds and contains:—

- 16 ozs. whole milk powder
- 16 " butter
- 4 " cheese
- 16 " jam or marmalade
- 16 " pork luncheon meat
- 8 " salmon
- 4 " sardines or kippers
- 8 " raisins
- 8 " dried prunes
- 8 " sugar
- 12 " corned beef or other meat
- 12 " pilot biscuits
- 1 " salt and pepper
- 4 " tea
- 2 " soap
- 8 " eating chocolate

In the first ten months of 1944 the Canadian Red Cross had sent 13,797,974 parcels.

More Wild Fowl

Duck Population In Prairie Provinces Has Increased

Duck population in the Prairie Provinces and the Northwest Territories has increased from 30,000,000 to 140,000,000 since 1937, Mr. T. C. Main of Winnipeg, general manager of Ducks Unlimited, said in an interview at Edmonton recently. Figures are based on the census reports from 2,000 key men.

Airplanes do not have speedometers; they have air speed indicators, which record the speed of a plane relative to the air.

The condition among cows known as "salt sick" has been found to be caused by a deficiency of copper and iron in the diet.

So This Is Ice Cream



Three different and typically childish expressions as three British youngsters enjoy the delicious flavor of ice cream for the first time. The ban on the manufacture of ice cream has just been lifted in England and these youngsters get a taste of the delicacy for the first time.

Gas Chambers

More Than 60,000 Persons Were Suffocated In Poland

Six German underlings who worked at the notorious German "Death Mill" at Maidanek, Poland, have gone on trial at Lublin, Radio Moscow reported.

One defendant, Anton Kerman, was quoted as testifying that while he was employed at the camp more than 60,000 persons were suffocated in gas chambers.

Another defendant named Otlier, described how children of all ages, including infants in arms, were killed. "The children were brought in trucks to the gas chambers," he said. "They were unloaded there. The children did not want to go to the chamber. They grasped that something was wrong. They had to be persuaded."

Among the victims at the camp, Otlier said, were Russian prisoners of war.

A prisoner named Mayer said that when he arrived at the camp he was told that about 200,000 persons had already been put to death there.

A Quality Ship

Minisveper Built In Canada Has Stood Up To Everything

The English Captain of a Royal Navy minesweeper built in Canada says that "the people who built this ship can be proud of her. She has stood up to everything that came her way and, believe me, she hasn't been idle." It used to be thought this country could not build quality ships. The wartime service of scores of stout vessels built in Canadian yards by Canadian workmen making use of Canadian materials is decided proof to the contrary.

TRADE REVIVED

The mouth organ trade, for years almost a German monopoly, has been brought back by the war to the British firm which made the first mouth organ more than 100 years ago. In the past three years this firm's output for the armed forces has risen from 10 a week to 7,000.

Umbrellas were used in ancient Egypt.

Canadian Army Girls

Are Sending Toys For Bombed-Out English Children

Cuddly wool dogs, gray coloured griffes, brightly painted yellow ducks and hordes of other toys are going to march their way right into the hearts of hundreds of bombed-out English children this Christmas, thanks to the efforts of members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps Overseas.

Inspired by the success of their efforts last year, the Canadian Army girls have been busy for the past month with paint brushes and needles and "free" evenings find them hard at work in their barracks sewing and stuffing toy materials supplied for the purpose by the Canadian Legion Educational Services.

If the C.W.A.C. was surprised at a request for 10 dozen assorted button eyes, china faces and coloured bits of gingham, they did not show it, and it was not many days after the order had gone in, that the requested materials were delivered to the barracks.

The C.W.A.C. are taking a keen interest in their work and many who had little experience in sewing have learned with delight how simple the little toys are to make, and the competitive spirit between barracks runs high.

Three of the C.W.A.C. barracks are going even further in the plans for the youngsters. They are arranging gala Christmas parties. Their plans include decorated Christmas trees, games and a Santa Claus to hand out gifts. To this end the Canadian soldiers have been saving their chocolate rations for the past months, and little "extras" from the precious box from home, have been tucked away in the hope that they will make the heart of some unfortunate English youngster happy on Christmas Day.

NOT MUCH TO ASK

Canadian Navy men overseas hope that every man will be given a furlough in Canada before being sent to the Pacific to fight Japan, Bishop G. A. Wells, senior naval chaplain, said in Toronto on his return from a three-month tour of navy battlefronts.

Canadian Lancasters Score 1,000



Pilots of the aircraft which flew the Moose squadron's 1,000th sortie by Canadian-built Lancasters and the 3,000th sortie of this veteran unit of Royal Canadian Air Force Bomber Group Overseas, shake hands before taking off. The twin milestones were attained during a recent attack on war plants at Dortmund, in the German Ruhr. Flight Lieut. Cliff Black of Yarmouth, N.S., and McAdam, N.B., is the pilot behind the bomb who did the 1,000th sortie, while Flying Officer Doug Griffith of Capreol, Ont., on the other side, was the pilot who did the 3,000th sortie. Looking on are Flight Sergeant L. E. Cronwell, Colingwood, Ont., left, the former's mid-upper gunner, and Flying Officer P. C. Topp, Plato, Sask., the latter's navigator. Fl. Black was formerly employed at Bala, Ont., by the Ontario Paper Company and F.O. Griffith was a Canadian National Railways brakeman.

Says Total War Effort Of The British People Greater Than That Of Any Other Belligerent

INFORMATION MINISTER BRENDAN BRACKEN declared in London that "one tremendous fact stood out clearly" in the newly-issued White Paper on Britain's war effort—"that the total war effort of the population of Great Britain is greater than that of any other belligerent." We have not attempted to mulct the British Empire," he told a press conference.

"Canada is the only Empire country from which we have received reverse lend-lease. With all the other Dominions we have made financial arrangements much less favorable to ourselves than the United States."

He said Britain's large gold reserves in the United States at the beginning of the war "have all been paid over and the money spent in building up American munitions industries."

"This expenditure," he added, "helped America to come into the war with her industries already on something like a war-time footing. We are glad to have rendered this service to the United States as a small return for her tremendous generosity to us."

Saying that Britain gave up its export business and converted the whole of its manpower to the making and using of war goods, Mr. Bracken asserted the report's "cramped statistics" illustrated the "courage and unexampled sacrifices of millions of British people."

"The Victorians," he said with a pride, "were proud to be called a nation of shopkeepers, but there never have been such shopkeepers as the British. No shopkeepers ever before sold out their entire stocks in order to fight."

"We have sacrificed most of our Victorian inheritance. What was the treasure of our grandfathers has gone, and it has been well and gladly sacrificed."

Mr. Bracken said there had been unexampled courage and sacrifice of millions of British people. More than 22,500,000 civilians have been moved since the war began. There is hardly a home in Britain where the family has not been broken up and scattered all over the earth, fighting or toiling in factories.

He recalled the mass movements of population, the exodus from the southern and eastern coasts, the evacuation of London, the direction of workers to factories far away, in addition to the call-up for the armed forces.

This has been achieved under hard living and working conditions. Up to the end of August more than 5,500 homes had been damaged by enemy action.

The people who performed these prodigies of labor were fed on a monotonous ration and dull diet and had a constant worry about coupons, he added.

Taxation had reached the number of people with incomes above \$5,000. Something like a revolution had happened in Britain and the treasury had played the part of an urbane and painless Robespierre.

"A lot of unfair criticism has been directed against John Bull's war effort," Mr. Bracken said. "We don't want to blow our own trumpet, particularly if anyone else will do it for us. Critics who have not gone through the agony of Britain under bombing and dull monotonous food ought to live here and they would not be quite so vocal."

What Britons had been able to do in these heroic years was a measure of the part they would play in rebuilding the world, he said.

Record Crossing

Non-Stop Flight From United Kingdom To Montreal

A new west-bound trans-Atlantic record has been established by Trans-Canada Air Lines. The time, 11 hours and 26 minutes, is half an hour faster than the previous record made by another T.C.A. aircraft.

The non-stop flight from the United Kingdom to Montreal was made in a big Lancaster, piloted by Capt. J. R. Bowker, of Ottawa, a veteran T.C.A. pilot. Second Capt. M. Gauthier, Montreal, holds the distinction of being a member of the crew of both east-bound and west-bound non-stop flights. He was second Captain on the record east-bound trip of 10 hours and 13 minutes.

REDUCED SHRINKAGE

A non-shrinkable wool sock may be just around the corner. The United States Bureau of Standards has reported a new process has reduced shrinkage of wool socks issued to the army to about five per cent, in contrast to about 20 to 25 per cent. for usual socks. The process, involving calcium hypochlorite, also makes the socks last 60 per cent. longer.

Miss Pin Up Girl



Chosen Miss Pin Up Girl in a spare time recreational activity contest at the Fairchild Aircraft plant in Montreal was Mrs. Laura Manley. She is a member of the plant's women's police force, and she won over a field of 90 competitors. Her husband, Major George Manley, has been overseas four years and is now in France. The Fairchild plant turns out Curtiss Helldivers for the U.S. navy.

Done On Two Needles



by Alice Brooks

Keep the "chill" from the tot's hands by knitting for them these mittens done on only two needles. Use two colors of sport yarn. Snug-fitting cuffs keep out the snow. Simple pattern stitch quickly memorized in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg, Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

NEW RECORD

An R.A.F. transport command pilot flying a Canadian-built Mosquito flew from Goose airfield, Labrador, to Great Britain in six hours and eight minutes, setting a new record for crossing the Atlantic, a distance of 2,230 miles.

A total solar eclipse cannot last more than seven and a half minutes; an eclipse of the moon may last well over an hour.

MADAME RUSE DEFIED GESTAPO

Story Of A Belgian Woman Who Helped The Underground Press

Some day the whole story of the part played in the underground press by women will be told. At least all of it which does not lie unknown in those anonymous graves so hastily filled by Nazi reprisals.

Many of the victims in the graves are women, and many died with resistance secrets locked within their minds. Some were rescued by patriots before the final shot was fired. Madame Ruse was one of these. Madame Ruse was kingpin of the whole setup of one of the most important and brilliant underground papers, *La Libre Belgique*. The correspondents gave her their copy. They met her now in a cafe, now as if by chance at a store counter, again in a park or street.

Usually the articles were written by hand. Mme. Ruse typed them on a machine hidden in her house. Then she gave them to the editorial staff of the paper, then to the typographer and to the printer.

The Gestapo was always hot on the track of *La Libre Belgique* and the paper was never printed in the same place two days in succession. No one was more constantly exposed to danger than she was and no one was so well acquainted with the intricacies of getting the paper out.

Some months ago Mme. Ruse was arrested. She was first interrogated without being made to suffer too much. But she was given to understand that it would be much worse the next time if she refused to speak. During the second questioning she was beaten with a rubber hose. The policemen struck her in the face with their fists. Pointed wooden sticks were inserted under her nails until she fainted. But she did not speak.

She was thus questioned and tortured to the limit of physical endurance eighteen times. Eighteen times she braved the bloody sadism of these brutes. But she did not speak. She never spoke.

Eventually she was crammed into a train, along with 2,000 other people to be taken to Germany. But the Belgian railway workers were on the look-out. They contrived to take three whole days to cover the distance of about 20 miles. The unfortunate prisoners were brought back to Brussels, and the advance of the liberating armies was then.

A dazzling beauty before the war, young and lovely Mme. Ruse is now a broken white haired woman but she has brought comfort and courage to tens of thousands of Belgians for whom the secret and faithful voice of her paper was their only support in years that were as dark as human beings have ever endured.

Japanese Atrocities

Determined To Met Out Punishment For Those Responsible

The Australian government has formally accused the Japanese military of torturing and murdering Australian service men and civilians of New Guinea and declared that every possible step will be taken to track down and punish the responsible parties.

Evidence of Japanese atrocities, compiled after an investigation lasting nearly two years, will be forwarded to London for action by the United Nations War Crimes Commission. Attorney-General Herbert Ewart told the House of Representatives.

Ewart said the investigation had uncovered proof that the Japanese massacred, tortured and maltreated New Guinea natives as well as Australian nationals during their occupation of the island. No specific instances of the atrocities charged to the Japanese were cited.

Sir William Webb, Chief Justice of Queensland, who directed the investigation, will proceed to London shortly to place a selected number of cases before the Allied Commission, Ewart said.

He asserted that national courts would be inadequate to deal with some of the atrocity cases, because ordinary court rules and procedure might not be adaptable to the extraordinary circumstances under which the crimes were committed.

Ewart made it clear, however, that the government is determined to leave nothing undone to insure the punishment of the Japanese responsible for these atrocities.

During the late glacial period, 15,000 to 25,000 years ago, Alaska was without ice, although glaciers covered most of North America.

The term rubber came into popular use in 1770 when an English artist observed the substance's capacity to erase pencil marks. 2598

The Name Of Churchill

Means Much To Practically Every Country In The World

When the British press extended warm greetings to Prime Minister Churchill on his 70th birthday, the papers stressed they were voicing the sentiments of the country and the friends of freedom throughout the world.

As the Times of London phrased it: "Mr. Churchill has proved himself in the years of national unity a true national leader, not only in his appeal to the popular imagination and in the control of strategy but also in his mastery of the political scene."

"Along with enduring youthfulness, disarming humor and essential dislike of pretension and parade he has disclosed in all great issues an ever-increasing maturity of patience and tolerance which supply the reason why the loyalty of his colleagues in an all-party government has roots which go into something deeper even than the plain and paramount duty of the hour."

The Manchester Guardian said: "No British name has ever meant so much to men and women under every sky."

"Mr. Churchill was a greater man and spoke with a greater power when he took control of our fortunes because he had spent those lonely years brooding over the coming danger and thinking only of the fate of his country and of Europe. All the force of his character disciplined by adversity and unspilt by ambition, all the strength of his talents were absorbed in his task of leadership. "Whatever the future that awaits him he has lived his finest hours."

Better Than Carrots

R.C.A.F. Medical Officer Says Oranges Improve Seeing At Night

There would appear to be interesting possibilities in the discovery made by a high officer on the medical side of the Canadian Air Force concerning the usefulness of oranges in improving the power of seeing at night. He suggested that this might be of value when peace returns in reducing the toll of the roads. So it seems possible that what is now the ominous phrase "one for the road" may take on a different significance and thoughtful hosts at the end of an evening's entertainment may have oranges served to all who are about to drive cars. Public houses might even be required to stock oranges for the benefit of customers. Employers of lorry-drivers might have a statutory obligation to keep them supplied with oranges and we may yet see taxi-men on the rank sucking oranges instead of smoking cigarettes. It is true that difficult problems would arise in the event of such a shortage of oranges as we have had in the last five years. It would be an invidious task to decide whether it were better to let the children have the oranges in order to build up their strength or to give them to drivers of vehicles in order to save, potentially at least, the lives of the children from being cut short.—Manchester Guardian.

Market For Beef

Producers Are Assured Of Demand For Beef In Britain For 1945

Producers of beef in Canada are assured of a market for all surplus beef in Britain for the year 1945, states Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture. He was referring to the statement made in the British House of Commons on November 15th by the Minister of Food, to the effect that Canada will supply a minimum of 50,000,000 lbs. of beef in 1944 and 1945, but that the United Kingdom will purchase a minimum of 112,000,000 lbs. in 1944, 124,400,000 lbs. in 1945, and will be glad to take additional amounts of available.

Mr. Gardiner explained, "It has been the policy of the Dominion Government since early in the war to have a clause in the agreements with Britain read 'not less than' a given number of pounds. The beef agreement was the first departure from this in that a maximum as well as a minimum was set. The statement made by Colonel Llewellyn removes the maximum limitation and in effect says to Canadian producers there is a market in Britain for all surplus beef for the year 1945."

ARMY SURGICAL UNITS

Major Angus McLachlin, St. Thomas Rhodes scholar who recently returned from overseas to become head of the surgery department at the University of Western Ontario, said in an address that the Canadian Army Mobile Surgical units in use in France, Belgium and Holland are the best equipped on the Western Front.

The tips of a propeller moving at top speed often surpass the speed of sound. 2598

Good Canadians ... Three



The Recruiting Officer in Winnipeg got the surprise of his life when this trio walked in and asked to enlist, "for service anywhere". Their mother is in China. They have not seen her since outbreak of war. And they are determined to find her so they enlisted to fight either Jap or Hun. Sons of Henry Lee, restaurant owner of Souris, Man, they are, left to right: Albie, Jimmy and Willie. The three Chinese-Canadians enlisted the same day, when they were "old enough to fight", they explained. And they took it the hard way ... Infantry.

Livestock Farming

Is Being Increased In All Provinces Of Canada

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Ontario's minister of agriculture, says Canada's cattle population is now placed at 10,346,000, slightly over 10 per cent more than we had a year ago. Ontario leads the provinces with 2,744,800 head of which 1,187,600 are milk cows. Alberta leads in pigs and sheep, having a little over a million sheep and 2,275,000 pigs. Ontario is second with 1,800,000 pigs and 737,000 sheep. All the provinces in Canada are getting their feet firmly set in livestock farming. Ontario is first in poultry with 35 million hens and chickens, Saskatchewan being second with 19½ million. We are not likely to go short on milk, meat, eggs and wool and kindred products. This should be sound business if the world's people are to be offered freedom from want.

Nearly half of all pedestrian deaths occur away from regular crosswalks.

Glass Containers

Additional Sizes For Food Products Have Been Authorized

Use of additional sizes of glass containers for food products like jam, jelly, marmalade, honey, peanut butter, and olives has been authorized. A six fluid ounce container may be used for jam, jelly, and marmalade. Five additional sizes for prepared mustard, mayonnaise and mayonnaise spread and for olives; and six more sizes for honey. Peanut butter, which previously could be packed only in three sizes of glass containers, is now allowed nine sizes—6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 24, 32, 48, and 128 fluid ounces.

VALUE OF ADVERTISING

Every man must blow his own horn nowadays and judicious advertising is the great horn that enables many to make themselves heard in the din of competition.

The turnip was cultivated in England in 1724.

Alfalfa Seed

Shortage Is Seen In Eastern Canada This Year

It is estimated that in Eastern Canada there is not enough alfalfa seed to provide the normal planting requirements needed to maintain maximum production of meats, dairy and poultry products, the Agricultural Supplies Board states.

Western Canada has surplus alfalfa seed, but as its normal market is in the U.S.A. the seed is purchased from growers at a price which does not permit payment of the increased freight on shipments to Eastern Canada and distribution there within the retail ceiling price of \$37 per 100 lb., said the Board.

In order to provide for alfalfa seed requirements of Eastern consumers on a basis that is equitable to Western producers, the Board has undertaken to rebate to the buyer the carlot freight rate from Winnipeg to Eastern destination on shipments of alfalfa seed which have been approved by the Seeds Administrator prior to shipment.

The approval of the Seeds Administrator, Ottawa, must be obtained before shipment is made.

Puzzle To Scientists

None Of Them Know Where The End Of Space Is

Sir Arthur Eddington, English astronomer, dead at 61, was a student of a subject about which little is known by the layman and about which astronomers, physicists and mathematicians are seldom in agreement: the nature of the universe.

One of Sir Arthur's beliefs was that the universe was disintegrating and some day would be no more. He had points to support his theory. But it is the strange nature of the celestial field he plowed that the same points could be used to disprove his contentions.

Not Sir Arthur, but Einstein, not any man before or after Copernicus or Galileo, has ever got close to the answer to the question that dwarfs nearly all other questions: "Where is the end of space?"

Astronomy is the least mundane of the sciences and one of its values is the proof it affords of how little the profoundest scientists know about science.—Detroit Free Press.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Nazi Drag In Their Wounded



Oblivious of his rough treatment a badly wounded and unconscious Nazi prisoner of war is hauled along on a tarpaulin by unwounded companions as they surrender to troops of the American Third Army outside Pouilly, France.

Searching For Snipers In Geilenkirchen, Germany



Three Allied infantrymen advance on a house suspected of being a sniper's nest during the mop-up operations in Geilenkirchen, Germany. The town was taken in a brilliant joint action by the British Second Army and the U.S. Ninth.

HOLLANDER SAW V-2 BOMB LAUNCHED

Dutch Clerk Tells About Germany's New Aerial Weapon

From a grandstand seat on the roof of a home in Ryswyk, near The Hague, a Dutch clerk watched the Germans launch their new aerial weapon, V-2 against England.

The Germans chose a spot about a quarter of a mile from the Hollander's grandstand seat as one of the sites for launching the V-2. The houses near the site were cleared of their tenants. The area around was put under SS guard. But the young Dutchman crawled up on the roof of a house and waited. For nights he kept his vigil, with his heels hooked in the eaves.

Then, on the evening of Oct. 22, there was a tremendous explosion from the launching site, like a gigantic cannon being fired. The town of Ryswyk was bathed in a weird red and white light. A projectile shot up into the air and disappeared like a spark from a flint. The people of Ryswyk panicked.

After V-2 had been launched for several days, all the trees around the launching site were scorched and the buildings were blackened as though they had been burned. Night after night he watched the launching. He thinks now the V-2 was actually launched with its line of sight almost directly away from England. He says it seemed to turn after it was launched and then go off at an unbelievable speed on its target course. He thinks the alteration in course came after the projectile was 9,000 or 10,000 yards in the air.

Rental Restrictions

Prices Board Issues Order Governing Sale Of Tenants' Furniture

New rental restrictions, designed to check evasion of rent control through the sale or rental of furniture, charging commissions or collecting of rewards, has been announced by the Prices Board.

The new order prohibits any person from charging or demanding payment of a commission or reward from a tenant and not more than one month's rent may be collected in advance.

To prevent exploitation of tenants through the sale of furniture at excessive profits, the order prohibits any person offering housing accommodations for rent from selling or renting furniture to a tenant unless the price or rental for the furniture has been set by the rentals appraiser.

The order also provides against any new racketeering practice by giving the rentals administrator authority to issue special directions if "unreasonable or unjust" conditions are imposed on a tenant.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

TIME

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet can waste years.—Montgomery.

Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. And the time that remains is time enough, if we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting.—Arthur Brisbane.

Time past and time present, both, may pain us, but time improved is eloquent in God's praise.—Mary Baker Eddy.

In time there is no present, in eternity no future.

In eternity no past.—Tennyson.

Dear Lord to which desire for ever flees;

Time doth no present to our grasp allow;

Say in the fix'd Eternal shall we seize

At last the fleeting Now?

—Bulwer-Lytton

Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.—II Peter 3:8.

THE REAL MENACE

Whether Hitler lives or is in the clutch of madness doesn't really matter. The foul thing he spawned still lives and menaces the world. Nazism remains just as black when headed by a Himmler or a Goebbels as by a Hitler. It must be slain if humanity is to enjoy peace and security.

TIF FOR JAP FLEET

To heighten that illusion of advancing boldly in retreat, the clever Japanese could fit their navy with a front on either end, like ferry boats.

A tire on a wheel which is only one-half inch out of alignment is dragged sideways 87 feet every mile the car travels.

Problem Of Supply

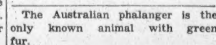
Alberta Coal

REDUCE SHRINKAGE

Must Pay Price

HATCHERY FOR RED DEER.

Secretary Of State



Post-War Tourist Trade

The tourist dollar represents net gain to the country in which it is spent and there will be few parts of the world which will not welcome it with open arms in order to bolster their economies after the war.

As a matter of fact, there is already every sign that our competitors for this business, including countries overseas, intend to go after it in a most thorough manner.

Curious Place Names

Surely one of the most curious place names to be brought into prominence by the war is 's Hertogenbosch, which inevitably gets into despatches and even on to some maps as 's Hertogenbosch. This capital of North Brabant in Holland owes its name to a Duke of Brabant who founded it in 1184 in a wood; hence 's Hertogenbosch, the Duke's wood or Bois-le-Duc as the French call it. It is also known as 's Bosch or 's Bosch. For a shorter odd one, there's the river IJ in central Finland—Toronto Daily Star.

Howler monkeys have sounding boxes in their heads which amplify the voice and send it rolling for miles through the South American jungles.

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Story From Norway

Theodore Broch, writing in "Time and Tide" of conditions in his native Norway, records a moving little story from the illegal press which shows how the children of the resistance and discipline has become abnormal during the occupation by the enemy. It was during the school struggle. When the turn of the teachers came, their leaders were taken first. Then the children were ordered to go out to tell the police in which class a certain teacher was working. When they came to arrest him, all the small children were sitting down working on their lessons. The teacher was surprised that he had been warned and had got away many days previously, but the children had gone to their class room as usual and not to the highest school, revealed that the teacher was innocent.

HER OWN IDEA

The lady retired to the nearby writing counter and ultimately returned triumphantly with this unique endorsement:

"Thank you, Harry,
Your devoted wife,
HILTON

REG'LAR FELLERS—Wartime Hardship



BY GENE BYRNES



YOUR BREAD IS
EASY TO TAKE!WITH ROYAL YEAST
IT'S EASY TO MAKEROYAL
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SHORT STORY—No Chimneys
In Mindano

By MADGE ELWOOD

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

"Santa Claus has to have a chimney," said the small Moro boy. "What is a chimney, a mantel and a fireplace?"

Marsha tried to explain. It was difficult in a country where there was no ice and snow. In the kitchen, Antido sang a lusty Spanish song. His parrot joined in the chorus. Marsha sighed. At home they were singing Christmas carols. Why had she traveled over seven thousand miles to marry a man who cared so little that he was in the mountains with wild Moros on the trail of stolen ammunition? A man, she thought, who might not now even want to marry her! The Army and this Island of Mindano were strange and bewildering to the slender girl. It had seemed right when Don couldn't get leave to come to her, for her to come to him. Antido, his houseboy, seemed to think that it was wrong. "Boss Captain told Antido take care woman. He back Christmas Day and marry. Much trouble, in Mindano. Women much trouble, too."

Marsha jumped as a coconut fell on the tin roof and the parrot screeched vociferously. She picked up the book and again read, "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house—". The small Moro boy waited until she finished. "Santa Claus, he come tonight with toys? How he come without chimney? Book say chimney."

Marsha knew she should never have read the poem. This child was Hassin's boy. Hassin held Don's career and life in his hands. Hassin was the Moro chief, who'd taken Don and his battery on the mountain expedition to recover the ammunition that had been mysteriously lost at the Post.

"Hassin," the Army wives said, "is dangerous. His child can't be sent away from the house. Hassin would be angry if the boy so much as shed a tear."

Antido added, "Hassin has a sharp bolo."

"How," Hassin's only child interrupted Marsha's bitter reflections, "can this American Santa Claus bring toys without a chimney?"

She had planned to entertain the boy, help him and so help Don. For Hassin's friends were his son's friends. It was easy to buy toys, but not so easy to find a chimney and a fireplace. She couldn't order one built overnight. And that was what interested Hassin's son. "The stockings clare hung by the chimney with care," he chanted. "Down the chimney, Santa Nicholas came with a bound."

There were tears in the small boy's eyes. "Santa Claus, he will not come. There is no chimney." He looked up at Marsha.

"He'll come," she promised more to herself than the boy, "he'll come," and she read the last line, "Happy Christmas to all—and to all a good night."

Then she started. What had she done? Tomorrow would be Christmas. Don would return, for they were to be married in the afternoon.

MONEY FOR ORGANIZATIONS!
Church organizations and other groups can add to their funds by selling the Health League's new Nutrition Calendar, which contains nutrition and vitamin charts. These calendars are as attractive as they are useful and they retail at 25 cents. For catalogue or further information write:
HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA
Nutrition Division, 115 Avenue Road,
TORONTO 1, Ontario

Hassin, coming back with Don, would find his child in tears.

Hassin would already be angry at having had to return the ammunition. To find his son weeping would be the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

Restlessly Marsha walked into the house. She opened the closet door and touched the shimmering folds of her wedding dress. There were a few wrinkles. She carried it out into the kitchen. The parrot screamed. Marsha jumped. "Antido, will you press this dress? Be careful. It's my wedding gown. I couldn't be married without it. By the way, have you ever heard of a chimney in Mindano?"

"No, Senorita, there is no chimney in Mindano," Antido sighed. Life was so complicated. Women were a nuisance. Women would look at grocery bills. How would he ever be able to buy a car?

Marsha shook her head. "I'd give anything for a chimney. To have one would prove to Don that I could really help him."

Antido looked at the white dress, then he hurried on to the porch and found the book. Yes, that fireplace, too, was white, with red lines showing the marking of the bricks. Antido grinned. She'd said she would give anything. Antido's grin deepened.

A knock on the door awakened Marsha. She heard Don's voice: "Darling, we got in early. Hassin and his boy are with me. The kid says there's a fireplace. I want you to be the one to show it to him. You were so wonderful to know a way to please him."

"Oh!" Tears filled Marsha's eyes. What would Don say in a few minutes? Hastily, she dressed and hurried out. Don was standing by the door. Beside him stood Hassin's son and a tall swarthy native who must be Hassin.

"Yes, boys," he began, "but no—" she stopped as she opened the door, for there against the wall was a fireplace of gleaming white marked with red lines to simulate bricks. And hanging from a narrow board across the top was a big olive drab sock filled with toys.

"Darling," said Don, "Hassin is so pleased. Look at his son! I can get leave. We can sail on the boat at noon for a two weeks' honeymoon. That is if you don't mind a hurried wedding and doing without a white dress and veil. There wouldn't be time."

Marsha smiled. She moved closer and touched the fireplace of boards covered with white satin. It had at first appeared a wonderful first and last appearance. Antido, in the kitchen, started to teach his parrot some new words. Life was so complicated with women!

Former Boy Scouts
Some Have Won Awards in Air Force During War
Wing Commander G. W. Curry, D.S.O., D.F.C., and bar, who led the great aerial attack on the Dortmund-Ems canal, and for which he was awarded the D.S.O., was a former Boy Scout. He was a member of a Newcastle-on-Tyne Troop, served as a patrol leader, was a King's Scout and won his gold cords for earning 18 proficiency badges, reports Scout News. Another distinguished Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., who led the attack on the Moen and Eder dams in 1943, was also a Boy Scout.

SHOWS DECREASE
Oil production in Alberta in the first nine months of 1944 was 6,585,842 barrels, a decrease of 722,827 barrels, a decrease of 722,827 barrels, a decrease of the same period last year. It was revealed in a report issued by J. L. Irwin.

Practically every part of the cow, including the blood, is used in making aeroplanes.

A Good Suggestion

Ontario Man Thinks Community

Debating Clubs Would Be Helpful

Troubled by a certain nostalgia that the cracker barrel debating club has more or less passed from existence, W. H. (Billy) Moore, M.P. for Ontario county, has suggested a substitute. He hints at a citizens' workshop where the farmer and the worker and the small businessman of the village and community can get together to discuss the state of the war, the weather, the government, county and school finances, what to do with Hitler and how we're going to pay the baby bonus. Mr. Moore isn't very specific about the "workshop" end of the suggestion. It sounds more like a talkshop with a bit of whittling thrown in. But something ought to be done about it. In these days of automobiles and tractors and combines, trucks, trailers and speed, neighbors whiz by one another with little time for a greeting and we're losing that community touch that makes for good thinking and good government. Perhaps that's why we're splitting up into a plethora of political parties, adding one or two a year to the national quagmire. We don't seem to have time to argue things out and sift the good from the bad.

We have a lot of faith in Mr. Moore's suggestion for a community debating club if we could only find some place where people would stop long enough at a time to meet their fellow men and argue it out.—Lethbridge Herald.

Research Laboratory

Will Be Constructed At Saskatoon To Utilize Farm Products

The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, announces that a research laboratory to cost approximately \$200,000 will be constructed at Saskatoon adjacent to the University buildings. Extended research will be made to find a profitable industrial outlet for farm products and also to investigate the possibilities of industrial uses for plants now regarded as weeds.

This Week's Pattern



By ANNE ADAMS

Here's the new elegant waistline (very alluring) in Pattern 4866. Flare button-front is a timer-saver in dressing, in ironing.

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Approximately 142,000,000 tons of water evaporate from the surface of Great Britain annually, according to scientists.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.



This 20-page booklet every woman will want...

The new Kellogg's "Weight Control Plan" gives you vital facts on menu planning and holding your "ideal weight." Includes a 21-day weight-control menu (at three caloric levels) for every day in the week. Prepared by competent authorities, this booklet can help you and your husband look your best, feel your best. You will find the new Kellogg's "Weight Control Plan" packed inside the top of every package of Kellogg's All-Bran—the delicious food that aids natural regularity. Get your copy at your grocer's now.

Everyone Can Help

General Effort Is Required To

Avoid Danger Of Inflation

In Durban, South Africa, the Price Controller was appealed to by a native who married a girl with the understanding that he would pay her father \$88 plus seven cows. But when he went to get the girl, the father had raised the cash payment to \$128, because of the increased cost of living due to the war. Someone told the bridegroom about the Price Controller and the native appealed to him, but the officer had to admit that that case was beyond his power to remedy. Even this primitive man could see the solid common sense and usefulness of price control and asked for its protection, comments Edna Jaques, the well-known writer, making a strong appeal to Canadian women to support all price control regulations.

Studying the price story in various countries, the writer notes that the Confederation of Civil Organizations in Mexico City not only upholds control but thinks that officials who do not uphold it are traitors and should be shot.

On the other hand, China's inflation is such that a common fifty-cent meal would now cost about \$125 in Chinese national dollars. A man's suit that would regularly sell around \$30 is now priced between \$600 and \$800 and the charwoman who used to get around \$2 a day would now demand \$500, if she would come at all.

War correspondents in Rome were greatly annoyed when they heard that he was "so pessimistic." Canada, he said, would start out into the post-war era with great advantages. He mentioned the nation's better balanced and diversified economy due to the war, the fact that production, adding that "we have been able to accomplish our vast mobilization of material resources without subjecting our economy to the stresses and our people to the cruel injustices of inflation," to him it seemed that "our hope of achieving our post-war plans depends in large measure upon maintaining these advantages."

Price control is a sort of dyke around the everyday business of buying and selling goods. A little trickle through at any point could mean a break in no time and a great flood that would engulf the country in the uncontrollable ruin of inflation.

Every citizen can help guard against such a serious situation. One doesn't need to try to watch the whole home front, just keep tabs wherever one is. But a general and widespread effort is required, each serving in his own community, if the country is to be successful in avoiding the catastrophe of inflation.

Surplus Army Stock

United States Has Monkeys, Carrier Pigeons And Dogs For Sale

Anyone interested in acquiring four monkeys can probably strike a bargain with Herman Hilton, in charge of the U.S. Commodities Division of the Treasury Department's procurement division.

Prodded by Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan, Hilton said the monkeys had been used by the Air Corps in making altitude reaction tests. The witness also said he still has 10,000 surplus carrier pigeons and 5,000 war dogs for which to find a market.

SELECTED RECIPES

BREADED LIVER AND VEGETABLES

1½ lbs. beef, pork or calves liver
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons fat
1 medium turnip, cubed (4 cups)
3 carrots sliced (1½ cups)
1 onion chopped (½ cup)
1½ cup celery, diced (optional)
1 small bay leaf
1½ cups boiling water
Cut liver in 2-inch squares. Combine flour, salt and pepper and roll liver in it. Melt fat and saute liver until lightly browned. Remove to baking dish. Add vegetables and bay leaf to pan, brown slightly, add boiling water and transfer to the casserole. Cover and bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees F. for about 1 hour. Uncover for last half hour's cooking. Six servings.

OVEN STEW

2½ lbs. bacon or salt pork
1½ lbs. chuck beef
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons dripping
2 tablespoons flour
3 cups tomato juice or water
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
6 medium onions
6 medium carrots
6 medium potatoes
Cut beef in 1½ inch squares. Brown with salt pork then remove to casserole. Saute onion in dripping, stir in flour, add tomato juice or water and seasonings and simmer three minutes. Pour over meat; add vegetables, sprinkle lightly with salt, cover and bake in a moderately hot oven, 375 degrees F. for 1½ hours or until meat is tender. Six servings.

The first zoological garden was established in China about 1,100 B.C.

Bank of Montreal President Asks
For Realism on Post-War ProblemsGeorge W. Spinney Declares That An Economic
Millennium Cannot Materialize
By Order-in-CouncilB. C. Gardner, General Manager, Reviews
Changes In Bank Act At Annual
Meeting Of Shareholders

Production on the broadest possible scale and the freest possible exchange of the resultant products with Canada's own borders and beyond them, were emphasized by George W. Spinney, C.M.G., President of the Bank of Montreal at the 127th annual meeting of shareholders, in discussing the real basis of national welfare. He warned against the assumption that a post-war economic millennium, in which everybody would be more secure, richer and presumably happier, can materialize by Order-in-Council. He urged an honestly realistic look at the post-war prospect and suggested that the wares of the "panacea vendors" be treated with a "nice sense of discrimination."

Mr. Spinney pointed out that the reconversion of industry to civilian production, the re-employment of peace-time pursuits of those now in the Armed Forces and in war work and the restoration of our external trade on a satisfactory basis, would involve problems of tremendous magnitude. The true objectives, as he saw them, were full employment arising out of productive activity and operating under conditions of individual liberty to produce a high standard of living in real terms of goods and services.

CONFIDENCE IN CANADA'S FUTURE
As to Canada's post-war possibilities, Mr. Spinney declared that he was "so optimistic" Canada, he said, would start out into the post-war era with great advantages. He mentioned the nation's better balanced and diversified economy due to the war, the fact that production, adding that "we have been able to accomplish our vast mobilization of material resources without subjecting our economy to the stresses and our people to the cruel injustices of inflation," to him it seemed that "our hope of achieving our post-war plans depends in large measure upon maintaining these advantages."

Discussing the post-war relationship between government and individual enterprise, he expressed the view that a supple and responsive government would represent the negotiation of the qualities most necessary to an enterprise in a democratic economy. And, if these costs of government were distributed in such a way that incentives were diminished or corporations were thereby discouraged or deterred from entering into progressive undertakings, "then the net result would be a loss to the Canadian people in terms of employment and living standards."

CONTINGENT RESERVES
The subject of Inner or Contingent Reserves was discussed at length by Mr. Spinney during the course of his address. Declaring that discussion during the recent decennial revision of the Bank Act of Ottawa had revealed many basic misconceptions, he said the test of experience in all countries had proven that the practice of adding to such

reserves when it was possible, to do so in order to "cushion" the unfavourable periods when loans might unexpectedly become bad and the value of assets might shrink, was the only safe policy to protect the interests of depositors.

TAX ADJUSTMENTS AND EARNINGS
B. C. Gardner, General Manager of the bank, in reviewing the accounts pointed out that, while gross earnings for the past year had shown an increase, net earnings after federal taxes (which amounted to \$3,725,000) were somewhat lower than for the previous year at \$3,194,000 as compared with \$3,303,000. The reduction in net earnings resulted, he said, from the adjustments in taxation. Gross earnings had increased despite a lower average yield on investments and a reduced level of commercial loans.

He enumerated the important changes in the Bank Act and stated that although the new interest limitations would make it difficult to handle some types of personal loans at a profit, the Bank would continue to make every effort to meet the credit requirements of worthy borrowers whether transactions were large or small.

It was hoped, he said, that within reasonable limits and subject to appropriate safeguards it will be possible to extend credit of a somewhat longer term, particularly in the approaching period of conversion from war-time to peace-time production.

RECONVERSION PROBLEMS
Stating that business activity in the country continued at high levels throughout the past year, Mr. Gardner added that the business outlook is influenced by uncertainty as to the extent and nature of war production requirements. It is probable, he said, that in the ensuing twelve months major problems of reconversion of industry from war to civilian output will become an important element in the business picture.

Mr. Gardner concluded his address by paying a tribute to the staff and reviewing plans for reabsorption of those employees now on military service; it was planned, he said, to provide for refresher training to allow for readjustment to civilian life.

Flour Production
During The Past Crop Year Has Broken All Records

The production of flour in Canada during the past crop year broke an all-time record. In 1943-44, the Canadian milling industry turned out a total of 24.3 million barrels, as compared with 22.6 million barrels in 1942-43. When converted to wheat at the rate of 4.5 bushels to a barrel, states The Monthly Review of the Wheat Situation in Canada, the milling industry is seen to have processed about 110 million bushels of wheat into flour in each of these years. When the consumption of wheat is compared with an average Canadian production of 425 million bushels for these two years, the magnitude of the industry becomes impressive.

At the present time Canadian mills are booked to capacity as the country is called upon to supply flour to the United Nations and to liberated Europe. Because Canadian flour enjoys a high reputation abroad and the Canadian mills have an abundant source of raw materials and power, there are good prospects of maintaining a high level of exports into the post-war period.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Anxious To Collect
U.S. War Correspondent Made Bet With Laval About War

Joseph C. Harsch, the war correspondent, is anxious to reach Pierre Laval before the French traitor shot. Laval owes him 100 francs, by reason of a bet they made in Paris after the fall of France. Laval at that time predicted that England soon would be invaded. "If I wager 100 francs that Germany wins the war," said Laval. "Okay," said Harsch. "Do you want to make it a thousand?" "No. Not a thousand. One hundred," replied Laval, who was gambling his head on Germany's victory. "You see, I'm really not a betting man."

NO PROFITS FOR THEM
War spending has put money into the pockets of factory workers in Canada, but it has not put money into the pockets of our sailors, soldiers and airmen, states W. L. Clark in the Windsor Star. Workmen and women in the munitions and equipment factories have been drawing down wages they never approached before. But, the fighting men have not made any profits. They have been slugging it out for a comparative pittance.

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"The Home of Good Eats"

WISHING YOU ONE AND ALL A

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

— and a —

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Fred Becker

SHEET METAL WORKS

Once again nearing the end of the year, our wish is that Christmas Season will bring you good health and happiness, and a full share of all those things which make the world a better place to live. And with new hopes that we may see the dawn of peace on earth and good will among men this coming year.

Oliver Hotel

R. A. BULLOCK, Proprietor.

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VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

— and a —

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Crossfield

Alberta



At this season of the year, in spite of the difficulties brought on by war, it is pleasant to think back over the many happy associations we have had with our many friends and customers during the past. We are glad to have this opportunity to extend to you our sincere wish for

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY**

NEW YEAR.

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DECEMBER 29

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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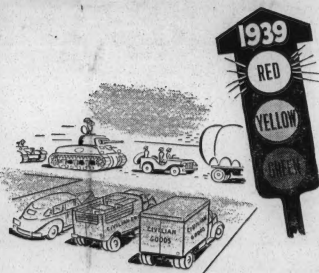
**HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.**

Crossfield U.F.A. Store

"I must warn the House and Country against any indulgence in the feeling that the war will soon be over".

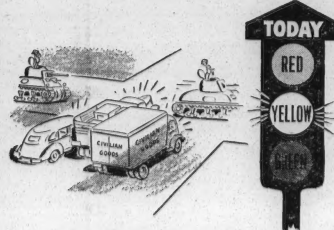
WINSTON CHURCHILL
in the British House of Commons
November 21st, 1944

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS



War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the RED LIGHT

don't jump the YELLOW light



Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

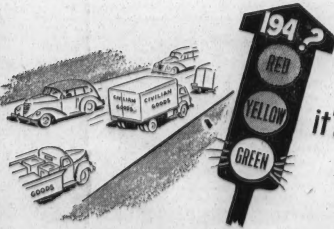
Don't confuse the signals—(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.



it's NOT the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.